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The Memorial *of the* Marqueſs de Puiſieux Ambaſſador *of the* King *of* France, *to the* General Aſſembly *of the* Swiſs Cantons *at* Baden.

Magnificent Lords!

I Preſume that the Intention of providing for the Security of your Country, was the ſole reaſon of ſummoning a General Diet to meet on the 25th inſtant; but ſeeing I could not have an Anſwer from the King my Maſter, in relation either to the Repreſentations made to me by the laſt Diet, or the Affairs that were tranſacted in it; I conceiv'd my Preſence would be of little Importance to this new Aſſembly: However I have thought it not amiſs to ſend the Sieur Baron, to aſſure you of the Continuation of his Majeſty's Friendſhip, and of my readineſs to do you all the good Offices that depend on my Miniſtry. I am further to acquaint you, Magnificent Lords, that I have receiv'd new Orders from the King my Maſter, to aſſure you on his part, that he deſires nothing more earneſtly than to ſee you take all Precautions imaginable for the Safety and Support of your Country, your Eſtates and Liberties; and to renew his Offers to ſecond your juſt Deſigns with the Aſſiſtance of his Arms, whenever you find your ſelves to ſtand in need of them for your Preſervation. Are you not conſtrain'd to acknowledge, Magnificent Lords, that theſe obliging Offers of his Majeſty, which he will always make good to you, are very different from the haughty Carriage of the Emperor towards you, and the Menacing Stile which his Miniſter uſes in his Negociations with your laudable Republick? Mean time you will permit me to ſay, That ſuch Treatment, not very becoming towards ſo Illuſtrious and Free a State as yours, does not hinder ſome of the Laudable Cantons from favouring the Houſe of Auſtria, tho' they cannot be ignorant that their Country would be in no Security, if once the Emperor were in a Condition to diſturb them. This unaccountable Partiality is too apparent from the Reports and Scandalous Diſcourſes that have gone through all Switzerland, on account of his Majeſty's Troops under Monſieur de Villars having taken Poſt, as is pretended, on the Territories of the Laudable Canton of Baſil, even before People would inform themſelves whether thoſe Reports were grounded on Reaſon, or whether they were only rais'd by his Majeſty's Enemies. What have they not ſaid, Magnificent Lords, in all the Territories of the Laudable Cantons? They have had the Aſſurance to give out, That the King and his Miniſter have broken their Word, in ſuffering the Ratification which was remitted to the laſt Diet of the 28th *Ult.* to be Violated: I have not regarded ſuch Reports, well knowing that they proceeded only from miſinform'd or ill deſigning People; for that all the Laudable Cantons might have ſatisfied themſelves, that his Majeſty's Ratification was remitted only conditionally, and in virtue of a *Letter of Revers* which was deliver'd to me by the Chancery of Baden. But, Magnificent Lords, you cannot wonder that the ſaid Ratification was remitted conditionally, and you know very well that I am not accountable for it. I cannot forbear repeating to you, that there is no Foundation for the Report that the King's Troops ſet foot on the Territories of Baſil, ſince the very Men who have been moſt Induſtrious to ſpread that Report, have no colour of Complaint, but that thoſe Troops paſs'd over a corner of an Iſland in the Rhine. Now it cannot be deny'd that all the Iſlands in that River, lying along the Territories of Alſatia, belong to his Majeſty as Landgrave of that Province; and indeed there were no thoughts of complaining, till juſt now, of his ordering Works to be built, and Garriſons to be placed there. And yet for theſe 15 days, theſe ill grounded Reports have caus'd a General Alarm almoſt throughout all Switzerland; when hardly the leaſt notice has been taken of the 5 Boats fill'd with Stones and Men, which the Imperialiſts ſent down the Stream from Rhinfield with deſign to ruin the Bridge at Hunninghen, and which paſs'd unmoleſted through Baſil; tho' the Lords of that Canton complain'd of it publickly in the laſt Diet. Nay I took ſpecial notice that this Infraction of the Neutrality had been paſs'd over in ſilence, if I had not taken care to complain of it my ſelf; and even then the Diet was contented, without more Formality, with a bare anſwer from Count Trautmanſdorf that the King of the Romans ſhould give them ſatisfaction. You are too clear-ſighted, Magnificent Lords, not to perceive the diſtinction that you are pleas'd to make in your Proceedings, and know the Affairs of Europe too well, not to underſtand the Intereſt of Sovereign States; Now, ſuppoſing it true, that the Crowns of France and Spain had ſome conſiderable Damage to apprehend, as your Gazettes give out daily; their Diſadvantage could not but be very

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Prejudicial to you, becauſe the Houſe of Auſtria would thereby become more Powerful: On the contrary, if the Prudent Conduct, the Conſtant Succeſs, and the Juſtice of their Cauſe, encreaſe the Glory of the two Kings, does not that Intereſt prompt you to have greater Conſideration for thoſe Allies who are your Neighbours on almoſt all ſides, and whoſe neighbourhood furniſhes you, as you your ſelves will own, with the moſt neceſſary Commodities, and without which you cannot well ſubſiſt? Magnificent Lords, I have enlarg'd beyond what I intended, thro' the Concern that I am in on account of theſe ill grounded Reports; which yet have made an Impreſſion not only upon the People, but the Magiſtrates of the Laudable Cantons; But I dare promiſe my ſelf, that your Conduct and Counſels will be ſuch, as will ſhew you to be Neuters in all Reſpects, which Neutrality ſhall never be diſturb'd by my Maſter; I have Orders to give you that Aſſurance on his part. 'Tis for you to take due Meaſures to get the like Aſſurance from thoſe with whom you have no longer either Treaty or Hereditary Alliance, and who already indirectly threaten you with War, by ſtopping your Merchandizes, and prohibiting Commerce. *Soluthurn*, Oct. 24.

London, November 9. On Saturday laſt we had Letters, That Sir George Rooke was arriv'd in Portland Road, and that he is coming for the River with 11 of the biggeſt Men of War, 2 Bomb-Veſſels, 4 Hoſpital Ships, moſt of the Tranſports, and one Galleon from Vigo; Sir Cloudſly Shovel is left behind with all the reſt which are employ'd to unlade the Galleons and take care of the Effects, which will all be embark'd in 4 or 5 days; and then Sir Cloudſly will likewiſe ſail for England. The Duke of Ormond is come with Sir George Rooke, as alſo Sir Henry Bellaſis and Sir Charles Hara.

Brigadier Seymour and ſome other Officers, arriv'd here on Saturday from Lisbon, in the ſame Ship that brought the Prince of Heſſe d'Armſtadt.

On Thurſday laſt the Earl of Derby departed this Life, and is ſucceeded in his Honour by Collonel Stanly.

The Honourable Dr. Leopold William Finch, Warden of All Soul's College Oxon, died laſt Week.

DRop'd on Saturday laſt between the Royal Exchange and the Temple, a Writing between Captain *Browne* and others and the Eaſt-India Company, with other Papers: Whoſoever brings them to Mr. *Hargrave* at the Rainbow Coffee-houſe near Temple-Bar, ſhall have a Guinea Reward.

THE Conſort of Muſick that was to be in *York-Buildings* on Thurſday next, is put off by reaſon of the Thankſgiving till Thurſday the 19th of *November*.

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